

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 12, 2006

Ed Hale, Treasurer Ben Cardin for Senate P.O. Box 21093 Catonsville, MD 21228

Response Due Date: January 16, 2007

Identification Number: C00411587

Reference:

Amended 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/06 - 10/18/06), dated

11/3/06

Dear Mr. Hale:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. An adequate response must be received at the Senate Public Records Office by the response date noted above. An itemization of the information needed follows:

-A review of your itemized receipts indicates a discrepancy in your aggregate election cycle-to-date totals for the Treasury Employees Political Action Committee and the Nat'l Assoc. of Psychiatric Health Systems PAC. The reported aggregate totals on your report should include all contributions from an individual or committee given in the election cycle. Please review your procedures for compliance with this requirement and amend your report(s) as necessary. (11 CFR §104.3(a)(3))

Please note you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problems should be filed with the Senate Public Records Office. Please contact the Senate Public Records Office at (202) 224-0322 for instructions on how and where to